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SUBJ: TURKISH CONTINGENT ROTATES; HIGH LEVEL VISIT

1. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 31 THAT CONTINGENT WOULD ROTATE, WITHOUT UNFICYP ASSISTANCE, TODAY. NEW COMMANDER'S NAME NOT REVEALED. FORMER COMMANDER, COL. MUSTAFA KATIRCIOGLU, WILL TAKE UP "NEW ASSIGNMENT". (WE UNDERSTAND HE ALREADY HAS TAKEN OVER AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF DIVISION -- NUMBER UNKNOWN -- BASED ON BOGAZ.) ROTATION OUT OF PHASE; SUSPECT NUMBER OF TROOPS INTRODUCED WILL BE IRRELEVANT TO ARMY'S OVERALL STRENGTH.

2. AT SAME TIME, DENKTASH AIDE TOLD EMBOFF THAT GENERAL SUAT AKTULGA (COMMANDER SECOND WWMY) AND ADANA GOVERNOR PAYING FLYING VISIT TO NICOSIA TODAY, AUGUST 31. (UNSCHEDULED VISIT FORCED POSTPONEMENT AMB. CRAWFORD'S CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT UNTIL LATER
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THIS EVENING.) EMBOFF VISITED DENKTASH RESIDENCE THIS MORNING;

FOUND HONOR GUARD IN PLACE; WAS TOLD "ALL GENERALS ON ISLAND INVITED FOR MEETING AND LUNCH". (DENKTASH AIDE LISTED NUMBER OF GENERALS ASSIGNED IN CYPRUS WF SEVEN; EXPECTED AKTULGA TO BRING ADDITIONAL "PASHAS" WITH HVB.) NUMBER OF THESE GENERALS PREVIOUSLY WERE IN ISLAND, EITHER AS CONTINGENT COMMANDERS OR BAYRAKTARS (CLANDESTINE TMT LEADER). LEADING AMONG THESE IS BRIG. GEN. ADNAN DOGU, COMMANDER OF WESTERN OCCUPIED REGION.

3. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS THUS FAR UNCLEAR. GENERALS OBVIOUSLY HAVE INTEREST IN VIEWING NEWLY CONQUERED TERRITORY. ALSO, SOME CONSULTATION WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DISBURSEMENT 5 MILLION POUNDS REPORTEDLY GIVEN TURK MILITARY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CYPRUS. REASON FOR ADANA GOVERNOR'S VISIT EVEN LESS CLEAR. HOPEFULLY, IT HAS NO CONNECTION TO RECENTLY ERECTED SIGN OUTSIDE KYRENIA DISTRICT OFFICE PROCLAIMING THIS ESTABLISHMENT A "KAYMAKAMLIK" (TURKISH SUB-PROVINCIAL DISTRICT). CRAWFORD

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